

**CONTROLLING LEVELS OF TRAFFIC IN A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK WITH A RELAY
NODE AND A NETWORK NODE THEREFOR**

5 Abstract

A telecommunications network includes a plurality of user nodes, a relay node, and controller means. The controller means is operative to allocate resources so as to control levels of traffic transmitted from/to the user nodes via the relay node. Specifically, the controller means is operative to

10 allocate a data transmission rate for traffic from user nodes via the relay node to user nodes which is twice that for traffic via the relay node in from or out of the network.